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- (ii) to state—  
 (a) the proportion of such expenditure per patient ;  
 (b) what are the reasons for the disparity, if any, in the expenditure in respect of each hospital ; and  
 (c) how Government propose to standardize the expenditure with a view to efficiency, economy and satisfaction and contentment of the patients ?

A.—(i) & (ii) (a) The hon. Member is referred to the annual returns of civil hospitals and dispensaries which contain the available information on the subject.

(ii) (b) & (c) The whole question of expenditure in the hospitals in Madras City formed the subject of a detailed investigation by a special officer appointed for the purpose in 1923. On the special officer's recommendation the Government have passed various orders calculated to secure economy without the sacrifice of efficiency.

MR. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answer to (ii) (b) and (c), may I ask whether these orders will be communicated to the Members of this House ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The suggestion will be considered."

MR. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" With reference to answer (a), may I ask whether the hon. Minister will also inform the House the expenditure that is incurred over the patients according to their nationality ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" My recollection is, if I am not wrong, that the information is available in the Civil Medical Code."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to answer (a), may I know the pages of the annual returns in which the information is available ? I have gone through the annual returns and they do not throw any light on the matter."

The hon. The PRESIDENT :—" The question whether the answer given by the Government is correct or not does not arise."

*Re-construction of the General Hospital at Calicut.*

\* 1718 Q.—MR. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government intend giving effect to the proposals for re-constructing and re-organizing the General Hospital at Calicut, in the near future and if so, when ;

(b) whether the Government have acquired a site for the same and if so, where and at what cost ;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, whether the Government have in view any site and if so, where ; and whether they are taking any steps to acquire the same ; and

(d) whether the Government will expedite the matter ?



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A.—(a), (c) & (d) The question is under consideration.  
(b) No.

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#### *Prevalence of plague in Hosur and Krishnagiri taluks.*

\* 1719 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of attacks and deaths from plague in each village annually from 1920 in Krishnagiri and Hosur taluks of the Salem district;

(b) in what part of the year the epidemic generally visits the above-mentioned places and in what month the epidemic is on the increase;

(c) what attempts have been made by the Government every year to counteract the spreading and recurrence of this epidemic; and

(d) what amount has been spent by the Government in the matter of improvement of sanitation and the employment of special additional medical staff, and whether the Government have made any investigation into the ways of permanently ridding the taluks of this epidemic?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

#### *Revenue aspect of the Mahanandi water-supply scheme.*

\* 1720 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state in relation to the proposed Mahanandi water scheme to the Nandyal Municipality—

(a) whether he has received the cultivation and Revenue figures for the last ten years; and

(b) if so, what they are?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—“May I ask whether the hon. Minister will communicate the figures to the Members of the House after they are received?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—“The Government will consider that suggestion after the information is received.”

#### *Supply of drinking water for Salem town.*

\* 1721 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur: Will the hon the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that the town of Salem is suffering very badly for want of drinking water;

(b) whether cholera epidemic is prevailing in Salem town and in the neighbouring villages;

(c) whether Panamarathupatti tank is completely dried up;

(d) the number of times the Panamarathupatti tank which was supplying water for Salem town dried up since its construction; and

(e) what steps the Government propose to take to solve the difficulty?